SEA GULLS

SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY

1999

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SSU at a glance

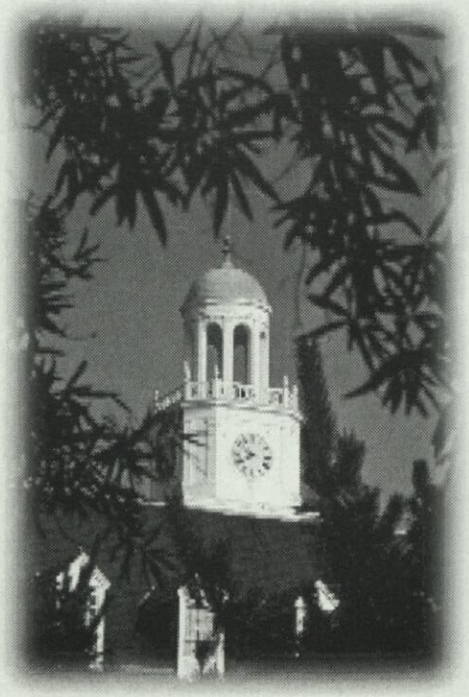
The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 8 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

The security of state support ...
1998-99 tuition, room, board and fees: $9,392 per year for Maryland residents; $13,602 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than $24 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.



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We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.

Head Coach John Browning

Recognized as one of the top coaches in the region, John Browning completed his fifth year as the head coach of the Salisbury State University men's and women's tennis programs in 1999. The accomplishments during Browning's first five seasons have added a new chapter to the Sea Gulls' tradition of tennis success. Through five seasons, Browning has piloted the men's team to two NCAA Tournament appearances, four Capital Athletic Conference Championships and four winning seasons. On the women's side, Browning's Sea Gulls have finished as the CAC runners-up five times while recording 44 victories and four winning seasons.

Under Browning's tutelage, the SSU men have produced the conference player of the year three times (1996, 1997 and 1999) and have claimed 22 individual conference titles since the 1995 season. The Gulls have also had at least one all-American in each of the past four seasons, while the team has been ranked in both the regional and national polls in each of those years. The Sea Gulls, 8-5 in 1999, captured their fourth consecutive conference title and finished the year ranked 18th in the nation.

The SSU women posted their fourth winning campaign in five years with an 11-7 mark in 1999. The 11 victories were the team's most in one season under Browning's leadership and the second highest single-season total in team history. The Gulls have captured five individual conference titles and have an overall record of 44-26 in five seasons.

Coach Browning's Year-by-Year Record

		Men	Women
1992	Pomona-Pitzer	17-7	–
1993	Pomona-Pitzer	13-7	–
1994	Pomona-Pitzer	14-5	–
1995	Salisbury State	10-4	10-2
1996	Salisbury State	11-5	6-7
1997	Salisbury State	13-3	9-6
1998	Salisbury State	6-9	8-4
1999	Salisbury State	8-5	11-7
Total		92-45	44-26

Browning was named the South Region's coach of the year in 1997 after guiding the Sea Gull men to a 13-3 record and a spot in the second round of the NCAA South Regional. Browning has also been tabbed as the CAC men's coach of the year three times, receiving the honor in 1996, 1997 and 1999. He has a 48-26 overall men's record in five years at SSU.

Browning joined the Sea Gulls after three seasons at Pomona-Pitzer College in Claremont, CA, where he transformed a mediocre program into a national championship contender. He guided Pomona-Pitzer to three consecutive appearances in the NCAA championship tournament, including a Final Four appearance in 1992. His teams finished 10th in the nation in 1993 and ninth in 1994. Browning also produced two national all-Americans at Pomona-Pitzer, including the national third-place finisher in singles in 1992. He finished with a three-year record of 44-19.

Browning is a 1990 graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he was a four-year tennis letterman. During his career, UC-Santa Cruz advanced to the national finals three times and won the NCAA Division III National Championship in 1989. Browning, who also holds a master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific College, served as an assistant at Santz Cruz for one season prior to moving to Pomona-Pitzer.

A native of Hawaii, Browning was ranked second in the state in doubles and eighth in singles as a junior player. His extensive tennis background also includes nine years of teaching experience at the NIKE Tennis Camp in Irvine, CA. Browning served as director of the camp for five years and is also director of the NIKE Summer Camp in Salisbury.

Ray Still, Assistant Coach—Former Sea Gull standout and coach Ray Still returned to the Sea Gulls as Coach Browning's top assistant in 1999. Still, a two-year letterwinner for the Sea Gulls and a former head coach of the women's program, is regarded as one of the top teachers of the game on the Eastern Shore. A 1986 graduate of SSU, Still starred as the Sea Gulls' number one player in 1985 and 1986. He compiled a 40-9 record in those two years while also garnering a Top 50 national ranking for both seasons. He also captured the conference championship twice. The Salisbury native also served as SSU's women's head coach from 1989-1993, piloting the Gulls to 39 wins and four winning seasons during that time. Still is a certified teaching professional in the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and works as tennis director of the Wicomico County Parks and Recreation Department in addition to his duties at SSU.

1999 Player Profiles

Steve Soliday returned to the lineup as one of the team's top players in 1999 after struggling through an injury-plagued 1998 season. He qualified for the 1999 NCAA Doubles Championship with partner Ben Madarang, one of just 16 doubles tandems in the nation to receive invitations. Soliday played the number two singles spot for the Gulls, finishing 6-9 overall and winning the Capital Athletic Conference championship at number two singles and number one doubles. He also won CAC singles and doubles titles in 1996 and 1997 and played just eight matches in 1998 before sitting out the remainder of the year. A hard working and talented player who had been a major contributor to Salisbury's success during his career, Soliday finished with a 16-5 singles record in 1997 while splitting matches between the number four and five flights. He also recorded a 15-7 doubles record in 1997, finished 13-4 in singles in 1996 and was team captain in 1998 and 1999.

Soliday's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1996	13-4	10-7	23-11
1997	16-5	15-7	31-12
1998	3-5	5-3	8-8
1999	6-9	13-7	19-16
Totals	38-23	43-24	81-47

Ben Madarang is a second-year player who has developed into one of the top players in the South Region. He earned all-America singles honors in 1999 after receiving all-America doubles status in 1998 and qualified for the 1999 NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships. He finished 13-7 in singles play in 1999, with all his matches at the number one flight and ranked 19th in the nation in the final NCAA singles rankings of the year. Madarang finished with a 13-7 doubles record, including 12-7 at number one doubles and was named the 1999 Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year after winning the number one singles and doubles titles. He also swept both CAC championships in 1998 and advanced to the final eight of the 1998 NCAA Doubles Championship. A gutty performer who played through injuries in the season's final weeks to earn both conference and national honors, Madarang was selected as SSU's team MVP in 1999.

Madarang's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1998	9-11	15-7	24-18
1999	13-7	13-7	26-14
Totals	22-18	28-14	50-32

Jamie Hancock is a three-year player who enjoyed his most productive season thus far in 1999 and posted an 11-6 record while filling the team's number three singles flight throughout the season. He finished as the CAC runner-up at number three singles, posted an 11-5 doubles record while playing with three different partners through the '99 campaign and captured the conference championship at number three doubles while playing with David Finlayson. Hancock has shown steady improvement each season and tied for team-high honors with 11 singles victories in 1998. He was one of five Sea Gull players to win a conference championship in 1998, claiming the CAC's number three singles crown.

Hancock's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1998	11-8	0-3	11-11
1999	11-6	11-5	22-11
Totals	22-14	11-8	33-22

1999 Player Profiles

J.D. Zachary, the team's senior captain who posted 17 combined singles and doubles wins in 1999, finished as the conference runner-up at number six singles and number two doubles. He finished 8-8 in singles play in 1999 and 9-5 in doubles. Zachary also provided solid leadership as the team's only senior and finished 8-11 in singles and 11-10 in doubles in 1998. Conference champion for the first time in both singles and doubles in 1998, he won the number four singles flight and the number two doubles flight.

Zachary's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1996	1-5	4-3	5-8
1997	0-0	0-0	0-0
1998	8-11	11-10	19-21
1999	8-8	9-5	17-13
Totals	17-24	24-18	51-42

David Finlayson completed a strong freshman season in 1999 by winning conference championships at number four singles and number three doubles and finished with a 10-6 singles mark while playing predominantly at the number four flight. He also posted a 10-4 doubles record, including 5-4 at the number two position and 4-0 at number three. Finlayson has a bright future and should be a solid contributor to the program for three more years.

Finlayson's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1999	10-6	10-4	20-10
Totals	10-6	10-4	20-10

Ethan Harris is a first-year player who led the team in victories in 1999. He played singles matches at the three, four and five flights while compiling a 15-4 singles record and won the conference championship at number five singles. He finished as CAC runner-up at number two doubles and also finished 3-1 at the College of New Jersey Tournament while advancing to the quarterfinal round.

Harris's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1999	15-4	4-2	19-6
Totals	15-4	4-2	19-6

Mack Baker saw limited duty in his first season with the Sea Gulls in 1999. He posted a 3-1 singles record, including a 2-0 mark at number six. A solid freshman, Baker has the ability to become a lineup regular.

Baker's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1999	3-1	0-0	3-1
Totals	3-1	0-0	3-1

Matt Mullen is a good team player who has made his biggest contributions as a doubles player in 1998 and 1999, with a 9-6 doubles mark in 1999, while splitting time with three different partners. His eight doubles wins in 1998 were second highest on the squad.

Mullen's Record	Singles	Doubles	Overall
1998	0-0	9-7	9-7
1999	1-1	9-6	10-7
Totals	1-1	18-13	19-14
1999	3-1	0-0	3-1

1999 Sea Gull Roster

Name	Year	Major	Hometown	High School
Mack Baker	Fr	Business	Baldwin, NY	Holy Trinity
David Finlayson	Fr	Undeclared	Bel Air, MD	Bel Air
Greg Forster	So	Business	McLean, VA	Langley
Jamie Hancock	Jr	Business	Seaford, DE	Seaford
Ethan Harris	So	Biology	Charlottesville, VA	Charlottesville
Ben Madarang	Jr	Physical Education	Largo, MD	Largo
Matt Mullen	So	Political Science	Rising Sun, MD	North East
Mark Pelletier	Jr	Business	Havre de Grace, MD	Havre de Grace
Jess Rilla	Fr	Undeclared	Westboro, MA	Westboro
Ed Snyder	So	Business	Pelham Manor, NY	Pelham
Steve Soliday	Jr	Business	Bowie, MD	Bowie
J.D. Zachary	Sr	Business	Kingwood, TX	Kingwood

CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

1999 Final Results

(8-5 overall, 3-0 CAC)

Date	Opponent	Won/Lost	Score
Feb 6	UMBC	L	0-9
Feb 12-14	College of New Jersey Invitational	(No team scoring)	
March 10	**College of New Jersey**	L	3-4
March 23	University of the South #	W	5-2
March 24	DePauw #	L	2-5
March 25	Middlebury #	W	5-2
March 30	Virginia Wesleyan	W	7-0
April 3	Emory	L	2-5
April 6	Christopher Newport	W	6-1
April 7	St. Mary's	W	7-0
April 9	**York** *	W	9-0
April 15	Averett	L	2-5
April 16	Mary Washington *	W	4-3
April 21	**Washington**	W	4-3
April 24-25	CAC Tournament	SSU 1st place	

Home matches in **Bold**
Matches played in Hilton Head, SC
* Capital Athletic Conference match

Sea Gulls in the NCAA Playoffs

For the fourth straight year, Salisbury State University was represented in the NCAA post-season championships. Junior **Ben Madarang** and senior **Steve Soliday** earned at-large invitations to the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships in Claremont, CA. Madarang was one of 32 players selected nationally to compete in the singles championship. Despite losing in the first round, Madarang earned all-America honors by finishing the year ranked 19th in the nation. Madarang and Soliday were also one of just 16 pairs selected for the doubles championship. The SSU tandem lost in the first round but finished the year ranked 12th in the country. The 1999 season was the fourth straight year in which the Sea Gulls have had at least one player earn all-America accolades.

Pictured left to right: senior Steve Soliday, junior Ben Madarang

SSU Wins Fourth Straight CAC Title

The Salisbury State University men's tennis team won the Capital Athletic Conference championship for the fourth straight season in 1999, finishing ahead of runner-up Mary Washington and the rest of the seven-team field. The Sea Gulls won four of six singles titles and two of three doubles flights during the two-day CAC Tournament played in Fredericksburg, VA.

Final 1999 Men's Team Standings

1. Salisbury State	48	points
2. Mary Washington	42	
3. St. Mary's	17	
3. Goucher	17	
5. Catholic	9	
6. York	4	
7. Gallaudet	0	

Singles Championship Match Results

1. Ben Madarang (SSU) d. Tim Martin (MWC)	6-4, 7-6 (3)
2. Steve Soliday (SSU) d. Jay Nelson (MWC)	6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5)
3. Kevin McClellan (MWC) d. Jamie Hancock (SSU)	6-3, 1-6, 7-5
4. David Finlayson (SSU) d. David Bristow (MWC)	6-3, 6-3
5. Ethan Harris (SSU) d. Jason Vickers (MWC)	6-3, 6-1
6. Alex Brooks (MWC) d. J.D. Zachary (SSU)	6-3, 6-1

Doubles Championship Match Results

1. Madarang/Soliday (SSU) d. Martin/Nelson (MWC)	8-1
2. Bristow/Vickers (MWC) d. Harris/Zachary (SSU)	8-2
3. Finlayson/Hancock (SSU) d. Kohr/McClellan (MWC)	8-5

Individual Awards

Player of the Year: Ben Madarang (SSU)
Rookie of the Year: Kevin McClellan (MWC)
Coach of the Year: John Browning (SSU)

Quoting Coach Browning

"Our tennis program has a rich history and tradition. Over the past 26 years, Salisbury State University has produced all-Americans and nationally ranked teams in NCAA Division III. We are committed to a high standard of excellence and continued success at the national level.

"Salisbury State's reputation for academic excellence is nonpareil. The University is dedicated to quality in the classroom as well as on the tennis court.

"We feel fortunate to be able to provide our student-athletes with one of the finest athletic facilities in Division III. We have 12 outdoor courts, six of which are lighted, as well as a recently renovated indoor tennis center with three courts for year-round play and a full-service pro shop."

Quick Facts

Location	Salisbury, MD
Founded	1925
Enrollment	6,000
President	Dr. William C. Merwin
Colors	Maroon & Gold
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Web Site	www.ssu.edu
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Capital Athletic (CAC)
Courts	12 outdoor; 3 indoor
Director of Athletics	Dr. Michael Vienna
Athletics Department Phone	410-548-3503
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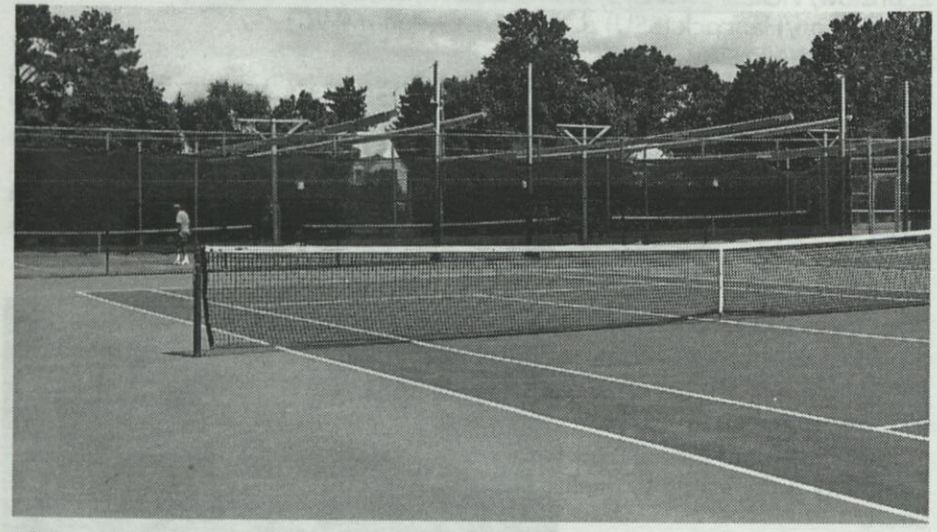
Sports Information Director	Paul Ohanian
Sports Information Phone	410-543-6016
Sports Information Fax	410-543-6068
Head Coach	John Browning
Alma Mater	UC-Santa Cruz '91
Record at SSU	48-26 (men), 44-26 (women)
Career Record	136-71, (eight years)
Coach's Phone	410-548-7040
Coach's e-mail	jcbrowning@ssu.edu
Assistant Coach	Ray Still
1999 Record	8-5 (men), 11-7 (women)



Salisbury State's indoor and outdoor tennis facilities are among the finest in NCAA Division III. SSU has 12 well-maintained outdoor courts, including six lighted courts, which serve as home site for the men's and women's varsity squads. The University also owns an indoor tennis center, featuring three courts for varsity and recreational use, as well as a full service pro shop. Salisbury State has hosted a number of national and conference tournaments, including the NCAA Division III National Championship twice and the Capital Athletic Conference Championship in both 1996 and 1998.

SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.

- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.

- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.

- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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